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AAUW Branch Meeting

Saturday, November 12th at 11:30 AM

MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE

9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert

(Off of Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford)



JOAN STUCKER is a retired Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Mental Health and a Marriage and Family Counselor. For over 4½ years, Joan has been a volunteer for the Compassion and Choices Organization which is the nation's oldest, largest and most active nonprofit working to improve care and expand options for the end of life. Joan is also currently serving as Chair of the Coachella

Valley Access Team for the Compassion and Choices Organization. Joan will provide information on how to access the newly implemented California law on end-of-life options, also known as death with dignity.

Menu: Chicken Salad with Strawberries/Walnuts _____
Black 'n Blue Cheese Burger/Fries (Blue Cheese/Onion Jam)____
Vegetarian Burger/Fries _____

Dessert: chef's choice

Write menu choice on check for \$25.00, payable to AAUW, and mail to Norma Stempler, One Reed Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 - (760) 324-3090 no later than November 7.

Name: _____

Number of Reservations _____ Phone/Email _____

There will be two lines at the reception table: one for paid reservations and the other for unpaid reservations.

November 2016 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President****GRATITUDE**

As the seasons change and we move towards Thanksgiving, we are reminded to pause and give thanks and gratitude for our many blessings.

I believe that gratitude is the fertilizer that makes our blessings grow. In AAUW we have so much for which to be thankful. Through AAUW, we join forces with thousands who are focused on AAUW's VALUE PROMISE: By JOINING AAUW, WE BELONG TO A COMMUNITY THAT BREAKS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC BARRIERS SO THAT ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS HAVE A FAIR CHANCE.

We recently hosted eight of our Tech Trek girls and family members at our monthly luncheon meeting. Their lives will be changed from their experiences at UC Irvine during their summer STEM Camp experiences. These girls stated that they are planning to make changes in their career plans as a result of their week on a college campus studying in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This wonderful AAUW program is just one example of how AAUW changes lives.

We are extremely grateful to branch members who donated the funds necessary to operate the Tech Trek program. "HATS-OFF" and congratulations to the extremely hard working Tech Trek Committee members. They worked tirelessly year-round to complete every step required by Tech Trek. We are grateful to them for their commitment and dedication which ensured the success of our program.

The Tech Trek committee members are: Chair, Peggy Shippen - Branch Coordinator reports to State Tech Trek Coordinator; Maryanne Hoppe, Branch Co-chair for Activities and Media; Secretary, Barbara Battino; Treasurer, Dee Dee Warren; Readers and Interviewers: Chris Ellet, Phyllis Greene, Gerry Johnson, Louise Kermode, Pat Mauritzen, Karin Newlin, Pamela Roberts, Adele Ruxton, and Leslie Wachob. (Karin, Leslie and Pamela are new members this year.) Also Elizabeth Nash, Ex-Officio, member and Pool Party Hostess, Pat Fredericks.

We are extremely grateful to our outgoing Tech Trek committee members: Barbara Foyil – past Chair who "trained" Peggy Shippen in 2015-16; Bonnie Paul – past Chair and Activities Chair - final year as committee member: 2015-16; Lilliane Shuman, past Tech Trek Treasurer; and final year as dedicated committee members Mary Ann Kaestner and Angie Love.

I am very grateful that we are having an amazing year in our Branch. We have members who are actively and capably serving in all of the wonderful activities and positions offered by our Branch. We have enthusiastic members with excellent talents and skills who will help our Branch operate and grow successfully for many years to come.

"GRATITUDE IS AN OPENER OF LOCKED-UP BLESSINGS" Marianne Williamson

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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Joan Cartwright.....415-320-5335
Lunch Bunch Phyllis Greene..... 772-7121
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Reel Revelers:
Bayla Adelman568-9621

**AAUW PALM
SPRINGS
HOLIDAY PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DEC 17th
4-7 PM**

**SHARRON and JERRY
CANTARINI's
79783 JOEY CT
LA QUINTA**

**“RENAISSANCE AT LA
QUINTA”**

50TH/JEFFERSON

**GATE CODE: # 8656
(Don't forget the #)**

**Please bring finger food.
Wine and Soda will be served.**

**RSVP by Dec 1, 2016
[760-296-3512](tel:760-296-3512)**

**Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10:00 am
Board Meeting at
Boardroom in Indian Ridge.
RSVP to Elizabeth Nash.**

Public Policy

Irrespective of who will be president, Hillary or Donald, there will still be a pay gap. The pay gap is closing at a pace that won't reach parity until 2152, 36 years from now. The pay gap is worse for women of color and exists in nearly every occupation. More education helps increase women's earnings but it doesn't close the pay gap.

It's math, not myth: the gender pay gap is real and persistent. On average, women take home only 80% of men's median earnings and, while the gap has narrowed since passage of the Equal Pay Act in 1963, progress has largely stalled in the 21st century. In 2015, women working full time in the United States typically were paid just 80% of what men were paid, a gap of 20%. While the number has gone up one percentage point from 2014, the change isn't statistically significant — because the increase is so small, mere tenths of a percent, it doesn't amount to perceptible change. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the earnings ratio hasn't had significant annual change since 2007. The gap has narrowed since the 1970s, due largely to women's progress in education and workforce participation and to men's wages rising at a slower rate. Still, the pay gap does not appear likely to go away on its own. At the rate of change between 1960 and 2015, women are expected to reach pay equity with men in 2059. But even that slow progress has stalled in recent years. If change continues at the slower rate seen since 2001, women will not reach pay equity with men until 2152.

First, the bad news: The gender pay gap develops early in women's careers and then compounds. Controlling for factors known to affect earnings such as education and training, marital status, and hours worked, research found that college-educated women still take home seven percent less than men just one year out of college — even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts.

The good news? While many factors contribute to this dogged pay gap, there are also many creative solutions to tackle it. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), along with other equal pay champions in the House, recently introduced a bill with one promising solution to help women combat wage discrimination: the Pay Equity for All Act. This commonsense bill would protect job seekers from having to disclose their salary history in order to be interviewed, to be considered for a job offer, or as a condition of employment, and from being retaliated against for refusing to disclose their prior wages. Sounds simple, right?

Employers frequently base salary offers on a candidate's previous pay — which, because of the pay gap, is often lower for women than for men. Over time, those lower salaries add up to huge losses that can affect a family's financial well-being and even a woman's retirement and Social Security benefit. Simply eliminating the reliance on salary history in setting future wages would go a long way toward closing the pay gap.

We don't know, at this writing, who will be representing the California 36th district. Even if Dr. Ruiz is a lame duck, he is reachable at his Washington office until January 2017. His office address is 1319 Longworth, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Jackie Drucker, Public Policy Chair, (760) 200-5101

Send your donation for Tech Trek Att: DeeDee Warren. Donations for AAUW Funds Att: Pat Fredericks. Send the check(s) to our PO Box 11423, 74801 Hovley Lane E., Palm Desert 92255-1423. Make your check payable to AAUW. Write the fund on the note line.

See information on our various funds starting on page 8 of your directory.

New Members

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Membership Badges: Sign up at a meeting, or contact Barbara Hawkins Villani at (760) 322-3987 to order your magnetic badge for \$10 each. Badges are available within three weeks of order.

New Leaders for Public Policy and Sunshine. Please make a note in your directory

Jackie Drucker is the new leader for Public Policy. She can be reached at (760) 200-5101 or (760) 902-0345 (c)

Pamela Roberts is the new Sunshine chair. She can be reached at (760) 347-8546 or (new number) (760) 498-4664 (c)

Our previous leader for Public Policy, Jeanne Hirshfield, resigned due to illness. We thank Jeanne for her many years of outstanding service in this position. We are happy that she will continue to be a member of our Branch.

Elisabeth Spiro, previous chair for Sunshine is moving to Ohio to be near her family. We thank Elisabeth for bringing Sunshine into the lives of our members, and we wish her much happiness in her new home.



Ruth Kuhlemeier, Sharon Seraphin and Barbara Battino; Joanne Bourquin, Elizabeth Nash and Sharron Cantorini; Sharron Cantarini and Pam Roberts; Bayla Adelman with Tech Trek attendee and her mother; Bonnie Paul with her friend Richard; Tricia Doran, Magdalena Hamilton and Adele Ruxton; Tech Trek attendee and her grandmother with Mary Schambach

Sarah Peterson, one of the Tech Trek girls, said "After returning to school in the fall, my elective that I chose last year was theatre. After the Tech Trek experience, I changed my elective to robotics and I am loving it!" I would never have elected to do robotics without experiencing Tech Trek."

GREAT DECISIONS

We will meet November 15th at the home of Anne LeConde, 73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, at 10 am. Phone Anne at (760) 862-1913 to let her know you are attending the meeting. We will be studying "Cuba and the U.S." Please look at the questions on page 96 after reading the chapter. Also we will take reservations for the coming year at this meeting.

Hope to see a good turnout for Cuba, especially since some have travelled there.

Joanne Bourquin (760) 772-2832

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet at the Polo Club in Indio at 5:00 pm November 19th. Call Joan if you want to join the group..

Dr. Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335

OUT AND ABOUT: SUNNYLANDS TOUR

When: Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45.00 per person. Spouses are welcome.

Send check to reserve a place to: Angie Love
17 Maximo Way
Palm Desert 92260

Questions: (760) 779-5658

REEL REVELERS

Call Bayla to find out when and where Reel Revelers will be meeting. We see the film on our own, have a pot luck and then discuss the film chosen by the discussion leader.

Bayla Adelman (760) 568-9621

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Book Group will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 16th to discuss *H is for Hawks* by Helen Macdonald at Sue Beatty's, 163 W. Torremolinos, Rancho Mirage, (760) 346-7478.

The book for December is *The Private Patient* by PD James.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981
roberta-young@juno.com.

LUNCH BUNCH

On November 14th at noon our Lunch Bunch will dine at Backstreet Bistro on El Paseo west of Monterey. Call Phyllis Greene to RSVP at (760) 772-7121.

OUT AND ABOUT

We will be attending the Coachella Valley Repertory Theater season as a group on the following Wednesday evenings: November 2, January 25, March 15 and May 3. We will have to find another restaurant for dinner before the plays as Livreri's has closed. We have a couple of ideas but if you know of any restaurant near the theater, let me know.

To order tickets call the box office at (760) 296-2966. The plays are:

"Annapurna" about a reunion and the longevity of love.
"Baby" about three couples in different stages of life on a university campus.

"Disgraced" a social drama about a dinner party that reveals secret racial prejudices.

"Later Life," a comedy, has friends trying to reunite two very different people in the hope it will heal their lives.

Angie Love (760) 779-5658
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Looking ahead: Red Jeep Tour – Projected Date: February 22nd

Our branch website: <http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 10:00 Board Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8- | 9 | 10 | 11- | 12 11:30 General Meeting |
| 13 <i>Jackie Drucker's Birthday</i> | 14 11:30 Lunch Bunch | 15 10:00 Great Decisions | 16 2:00 Book Discussion | 17 6:00 Reel Revelers | 18 | 19 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24-  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Marsha Riley and Diane Clements' Birthdays</i> | 30 | | | |